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RE: MUR 7492 Ben McAdams

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint that indicates that your client, Ben McAdams, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 7492. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

The complaint was not sent to your client earlier due to an administrative oversight. We are in receipt, however, of your correspondence, dated October 17, 2018, which is styled as a response to the complaint on behalf of Mr. McAdams. Thus, unless you inform us otherwise, we will accept the response as notice of the complaint and continue processing the matter in the ordinary course.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109 (a)(4)(B) and § 30109(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. For our records, please have your client complete the enclosed designation of counsel form and return it to the Commission. Please be advised that, although the Commission cannot disclose information regarding an investigation to the public, it may share information on a confidential basis with other law enforcement agencies.¹

Please note that you and your client have a legal obligation to preserve all documents, records, and materials relating to the subject matter of the complaint until such time as you are notified that the Commission has closed its file in this matter. See 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

The Commission has the statutory authority to refer knowing and willful violations of the Act to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution, 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(C), and to report information regarding violations of law not within its jurisdiction to appropriate law enforcement authorities. *Id.* § 30107(a)(9).

Any correspondence sent to the Commission, such as a response, must be addressed to **one** of the following (note, if submitting via email this Office will provide an electronic receipt by email):

Mail

OR

Email cela@fec.gov

Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination
and Legal Administration
Attn: Kathryn Ross, Paralegal
1050 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20463

If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Ross at (202) 694-1539 or toll free at 1-800-424-9530. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

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